



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

October 20, 2024

Reflection:

"Those that are weak in grace... dwell more upon their sins than upon a Savior; more upon their misery than upon free grace and mercy; more upon that which may feed their fears, than upon that which may strengthen their faith; more upon the cross, than upon the crown; more upon those that are against them, than those that are for them..." - Thomas Brooks, *The Unsearchable Riches of Christ*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 30:15, 18

Minister: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

People: ***"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."***

Minister: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

People: ***For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.***

Prayer of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed
 3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re - spon - sive
 4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 to his call, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe,
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song

and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you
 and crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
 and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry— great things He has done! So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood— to ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He has taught us; Great things He has done, and great our re -



world that He gave us His Son, who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for
 - liev - er, the prom - ise of God. The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
 - joic - ing through Je - sus, the Son. But pur - er and high - er and great - er will

CHORUS



sin and o - pened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the
 - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re -



- joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus, the



Son, and give Him the glo - ry— great things He has done!

Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 117

Sue Vester

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting Father, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish, have strayed from you and have wandered on our own way. But you have been merciful to us by sending your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. We confess that we have not faithfully loved you, or adequately cared for our neighbors. We have not had the same mind that was in Christ, or shared in his humility. Pour out, therefore, your grace upon us that we might enjoy purity of heart and strength of purpose, and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and
freedom

My steadfast love my deep and
boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is
mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend
me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall
overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am
free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me
home

And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips
shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips
shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Sue Rothermel

Offering

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here, below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture – *Romans 16:25-27*

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Sermon: The Preaching of Jesus Christ

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: The Gospel of God Concerning His Son

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – *from 1 Corinthians 11*

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ has risen.
 Christ will come again.

Communing Together

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
(REPEAT)

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Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Sending

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 10/20	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/20	11:30 am	Photo-taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 10/20	4:00 pm	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/20	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
M. 10/21	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Classroom 2
Tu. 10/22	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/23	7:00 am	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/23	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/23	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/23	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/24	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/24	11:00 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/27	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
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Sun. 10/27	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$274,857.44	\$312,765.47
Week of 10/13/24	\$6,703.84	\$7,010.17

Announcements

- **New Baby!** Congratulations to John and Catherine Kloetzli on the birth of their son Charlie this past Sunday! If you wish to bless them with a meal to help them through this adjustment period, you can sign up through Meal Train. Contact the office (kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com) for the link.
- **Refreshments:** The new quarter's sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer so that you can volunteer to feed your friends! Remember, you can keep it very simple!
- **NLPC Fall Picture Directory:** It's almost time for a new NLPC directory! If you would like to add or update your picture for the next edition, you can either submit a photo to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com, or have your picture taken in Classroom 3 after church **TODAY October 20 or NEXT SUNDAY October 27**. An old draft of the directory is in the foyer through October 27 so you can make your additions or updates to your household information.
- **Inquirers' Class:** Interested in learning more about New Life as a church? On Sundays at 4pm, starting **TODAY Sun. Oct. 20** and lasting 5 weeks, come to Classroom 1 to learn more about the church's convictions, history, and membership.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Boxes come with packing ideas and can be picked up from the foyer. Printing your labels and paying online is strongly recommended especially since you can track your box that way. Otherwise, brochures are available with labels and envelopes attached in order to send your shipping donation of \$10 per box by mail. (Do not place checks inside boxes or affix to the outside). Boxes are due back to New Life no later than **Sun. Nov. 17**. See Connie Kay or the office with questions.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Lily Sica (daughter of Bryan and Diane McGahan) on **Sat. Nov. 23** at 10am. If you have any questions or did not receive the evite, please contact Christy Borch.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Youth and Children's classes: Pre-K through 1st meets in classroom 5, 2nd-4th meets in classroom 4, 5-8th meets in classroom 3, and 9-12th meets in classroom 1. **Two adult classes this fall:** one studying 1 Samuel and meeting in the Aquarium room and the other studying the book *Biblical Critical Theory* and meeting in Classroom 2.

Women's Bible Study: We are studying *Acts* using Nancy Guthrie's *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*, Crossway Publishing, 2024. This is a 9-week study, ending Nov. 7 or 12. Dates and Times: **Thursdays** 9:30-11am at church or **Tuesdays** 7-8:15pm on Zoom. Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for details.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in Classroom 1 at 9am.

Moms+: The fall study and kids' classes meet every Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson or the office.

Men's Group: Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7-8am in the fellowship hall.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: We have two opportunities: The evening group meets on the first **Wednesday** of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel or the office. The daytime group meets every **Thursday** (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11am. Contact Sue Rothermel or the office.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Will Pope or the office with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Groups: Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like to join a group.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

Mission: *To receive the grace of God, to give glory to God,
and to follow the Word of God.*

Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves by grace. Through faith, we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and to sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands; therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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